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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS - MEDIA TREATMENT

REF: PANAMA 4267

1. GOP NATIONAL INFORMATION COMMISSION RELEASED A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE EVENING OF JUNE 13 SAYING THAT WEEKEND MEETINGS HAD DISCLOSED THAT PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM'S EFFORTS ON STATUS OF PANAMANIAN EMPLOYEES "COINCIDE FULLY WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THEIR UNION ORGANIZATIONS."

2 ASIDE FROM THIS REFERENCE TO CONSULTATIONS WITH AFSCME LEADERS ANDERSON AND KIRVEN IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL), COMMUNIQUE WAS FAIRLY NONCOMMITTAL. IT SAID TALKS WERE TO RESUME AT 1500 MONDAY "AND WERE EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT FOUR HOURS." IT ALSO NOTED LAST FRIDAY'S MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR LEWIS AND SECRETARY VANCE. FULL TEXT FBIS/PANAMA PA 140206Y.

3. PRESS TREATMENT OF COMMUNIQUE MORNING JUNE 14 VARIED WIDELY. "STAR AND HERALD" CARRIED IT UNDER LEAD HEADLINE "ON STATUS OF CZ WORKERS: NEGOTIATORS, LABOR LEADERS IN ACCORD".  
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"ESTRELLA" PUT IT ON FRONT PAGE BUT NOT FEATURED. "CRITICA" HAD IT ON BACK PAGE. "MATUTINO" PRINTED IT INSIDE WITH A FRONT-PAGE REFERENCE. NO COMMENTS.

4. TELEVISION CHANNEL 4 NEWS EVENING JUNE 13 ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT LUIS CARLOS NOLI HAD BEEN NAMED OFFICIAL TRANSLATOR FOR PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM. THE ITEM REMARKED THAT

NEGOTIATIONS "...MUST HAVE ENTERED THE SEMANTIC PHASE..." AND SAID NOLI'S TASK WOULD BE ANALYSIS OF SPANISH AND ENGLISH TEXTS TO PREVENT DOUBLE INTERPRETATIONS AND SIMILAR TASKS. (FBIS/PANAMA PA 140238Y.)

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT NOLI DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY VIA BRANIFF MIAMI FLIGHT, SO WE ASSUME THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS ACCURATE. HE WAS UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO EDITOR OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PANAMA "STAR AND HERALD" AND WOULD BE EXCELLENT FOR THE TASK INDICATED. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON NOLI LATER TODAY.  
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